



NOAA - National Weather Service

Tampa Bay Area

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A Wonderful Day at the NWS Open House

On Saturday, March 6th, abundance sunshine greeted visitors during the National Weather Service Open House. There were 180 visitors that came to help commemorate the 15th anniversary of modernized NWS operations and the 35th anniversary of operating in the Ruskin area.

Guests participated in a three part tour of the office learning different aspects of the NWS mission, weather safety, and weather forecast and data collection activities. The tour began with a presentation explaining our mission and the various forecasts we provide, continued with a demonstration of the Advanced Weather Information Processing System that the meteorologists use to issue forecasts and warnings, learned about NOAA Weather Radio and its effectiveness in keeping you safe during severe weather, and finished outside with a demonstration and explanation of the weather balloons and NWS Doppler Radar.

There was also a raffle in which eight lucky individuals took home either a NOAA Weather Radio or a 4-inch Rain Gauge. Guests also enjoyed viewing our public appreciation wall, highlighting weather photos from around the area sent in from members of the community.

Special thanks goes to Brian LaMarre, Dan Noah, Charlie Paxton, Jennifer McNatt, Anthony Reynes, Nicole Carlisle, Colleen Rhea, Tony Harper, Karen Brown, Danielle Groenen, Jennifer Colson, Paul Close, Rudy Rude, Tom Dougherty, Alicia Williams, and Larry Pace for organizing, planning and executing this event. A great time was had by all!



DAPM Colleen Rhea hands out raffle tickets



Met. Intern Nicole Carlisle demonstrates a balloon launch



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Forecaster Anthony Reynes presents NWS product information



Student Volunteer Danielle Groenen explains weather safety



Forecaster Jennifer Colson explains the forecasting process



Senior Forecaster Jennifer McNatt demonstrates AWIPS



MIC Brian LaMarre explains NWS Doppler Radar



ASA Karen Brown displays the Public Appreciation Hall of Images